

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

Children and Youth Subcommittee

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Subcommittee Members Present:

Monica Wilson, PhD, Chair
Joseph Mortz, Vice-Chair
Beverly Abbott
Cindy Claflin
Karen Hart
Celeste Hunter

Staff:

Tracy Thompson

Other Present

Jennifer Gabales, CACFS

Review 2011/12 Children and Youth Work plan

Committee members reviewed the completed work plan that was created during the Strategic Planning Process.

Overview: Santa Clara Mental Health Court Site Visit

Judge Stephen V. Manley, of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, co-founded the Santa Clara County Drug Treatment Court in 1994 and founded in 1999 the Santa Clara County Mental Health Court, now the largest such facility in the U.S.

Judge Manley serves as supervising judge for all felony and misdemeanor drug and mental health cases in the Criminal Division of the Santa Clara County courts. He also works with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide treatment alternatives to prison time for parole violators.

Staff provided a brief report on the site visit to the Santa Clara Mental Health Court.

- It may be helpful to update the Juvenile Mental Health Court Paper as new courts are created.

Research Project Paper Review: Prevention and Early Intervention Projects in California for Children 0-5 Years

At the October 2010 subcommittee meeting, members brainstormed topics for a research project paper. Subcommittee members advised that Prevention and Early Intervention Projects in California for Children 0-5 Years is important issue and elected to focus on this topic for the paper. Staff has drafted the attached paper entitled, "Prevention and Early Intervention Projects in California for Children 0-5 Years." Members reviewed the paper provided by staff and provided feedback.

- A paragraph that lists some eliminated programs and reasons why would be interesting

- It may be helpful to list what programs counties have for 0-5 even if there is no additional information. This way all counties with 0-5 programs will be listed.
- This could be a living document that would be helpful for parent partners and families relocating to different counties.
- There was discussion around the DMH realignment and what that may mean for services.

Discussion: Increase Child Welfare & Mental Health Collaboration

- Beverly Abbott advised that the State of California recently received a \$14.5 million grant as part of the Obama Administration's initiative to decrease the amount of time that children spend in foster care and increase permanency. This proposal is called the California Partnership for Permanency (CAPP). The California project focuses on African American and Native American children who are over-represented in the state's child welfare system and for whom it has been most challenging to find loving and permanent homes. Project goals are to both reduce long-term foster care and improve child well-being. The way in which this will be accomplished is through a comprehensive approach to child welfare systems change. The CAPP project has gone into counties and done institutional analyses. This can assist them in identifying important components within the counties. Four counties (Fresno, Humboldt, Los Angeles, and Santa Clara) will engage in in-depth analysis and receive technical assistance to understand why so many African American and Native American children are in long-term foster care. As advocates, it is important that we make sure the institutional analysis stays a part of the project.
- Abbott suggested a report for the January 2012 meeting regarding the CAPP program.
- Katie A. is yet another opportunity for systems change.
- It is important that the CYSOC look at shifting funding and shifting incentives. Juvenile Justice and Medi-Cal is being realigned. Amidst the changing landscape for children's funding there will be changes to services.
- A discussion regarding Child Welfare, the DMH, and Juvenile Justice realignment was requested for the January 2012 meeting. Jennifer Gabales will provide staff with information. Don Kingdon is a good resource.

Upcoming Meetings

- Department of Education, Alliance, and Cindy Claflin presentation: AB 3632 (October 2011)
- Review updated PEI paper (October 2011)
- Updates
- Child Welfare Collaboration: Beverly Abbott CAPP report (January 2012)
- Realignment discussion (January 2012)